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Saint Leo Welcomes Master's Programs

by Mark Kane

In his novel "Player Piano," Kurt Vonnegut gives a chilling portrayal of a future where anyone who doesn't hold a Masters's degree is due to live a life of mediocrity. If current trends in employment continue, this work of fiction could soon become fact.

Saint Leo College is hard at work trying to make sure that students will have the additional education necessary to compete in Vonnegut's futuristic economy.

At present, Saint Leo offers a Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program as part of its weekend college curriculum. The 36-semester-hour program is offered three semesters a year on alternating Saturdays and Sundays. The major emphasis of the M.B.A is on improving the students ability to reason, analyze, and communicate in the work place. M.B.A. courses will also aid students in understanding our economic system, and prepare them to be better leaders in their selected fields.

A strong advantage of the Saint Leo M.B.A. is that its courses are conducted on weekends. This gives professionals a convenient schedule to work around.

Saint Leo is currently at work on one maybe two other educational programs on the masters level in addition to the M.B.A.

The first of these will offer a Master's degree in education (M.Ed). Even though the M.Ed will seemingly become a reality here at Saint Leo, details concerning the program are still a little chalky. An education department meeting on January 30 helped answer some of the questions concerning the program.

The third Masters program that could be offered on campus, is an M.F.A. (Master of Fine Arts) in Creative Writing. To date, the possibility of such a program is being explored.

If the research being done now by Dr. Samaras, Dr Woodard, and other members of the English Department looks promising, the program could feasibly be on its feet by September of 1997.

According to Dr. Samaras, "The existing faculty of Saint Leo is extremely well-versed, well-read, and of excellent teaching caliber--and will comprise the backbone of the teaching staff." Dr. Samaras also feels that in order to have a serious program, the college will eventually have to bring in a poet and a fiction writer with national reputations.

Even though the program is still in its infancy, Dr. Woodard has received many inquires into its progress from interested students from as far away as Ocala.

Like all masters programs, the MFA will enhance the reputation of Saint Leo College which is a bonus to those who do not plan to pursue their education past the Bachelor's level.

Even though a Bachelor's degree will set one apart from many people in the job market, the "Player Piano" is starting to be tuned. Dr. Samaras seems to agree with Kurt Vonnegut (who holds an MFA, by the way) when he says: "Try getting a job these days with just a B.A."

Suzanne Hollis Plans Intramurals

by Dann Riggs

For many students on campus this year, life has just seem to go by like the chilly winter wind. For those who have gotten involved in intramurals lately, it has been an excellent and challenging year. Most of the success can be attributed to Suzanne Hollis, who works in Student Affairs and is in charge of Intramurals as well as the pool and lakeside.

Mrs. Hollis was born in New Jersey and spent 18 years in the New England area. She moved to Florida and attended Florida Southern College. She obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and in Biology, and is currently halfway finished with her Masters degree in Physical Education and Wellness. Along with her degrees, Mrs. Hollis is a certified instructor through the American Red Cross in sailing, lifeguarding, First Aid and CPR, and Community Water Safety, and holds a certified Pool Operator's license. She is also certified by the United States Boating Association to teach Basic Level 1 Sailing. These are just some of the many qualifications Mrs. Hollis brings with her to Saint Leo College.

For ten years, she was a teacher in the Lakeland Public School system. To the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, she taught Physical Education. She also coached the Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball teams. At Lakeland High School, she coached the swimming and diving team. After giving up the busy schedule she held in Lakeland, she married and moved to Clearwater, where she taught at the University of South Florida (St. Pete Campus) for two years. Her husband stays home with her children, daughter Brittany, age 4, and son Sean, age 6. "He's a real Mr. Mom type," she says. As a family, the Hollis' enjoy activities in the outdoors: hiking, picnicking, canoeing, and sailing. They also enjoy the pool and swimming, "especially Brittany and Sean." As the winds would have it, and fortunately for us, she chose to come to Saint Leo College to spark the campus life.

"I chose to come to Saint Leo to get back into sports, be on the water and the sailboats, and to do what I like doing the most," said Mrs. Hollis. She liked the notion of returning to a four-year traditional college. "I like it up here. It is a great place to raise my family." When asked about the things she loves most about Saint Leo, she cheerfully responded, the students and her Athletic and Administrative Support Staff. "With my job I have the opportunity to be out of my office more and talk and work with the students, which is really enjoyable. My job is also made easier because my support staff and I work well together," says Mrs. Hollis. One of the pluses, she says, Saint Leo has going for it is the willingness of the college to expand for the betterment of student life. She enjoys the fact that her job is not too big for her to handle: "I can know what's going on with everything I want to do."

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Mrs. Hollis has many duties at the college. She is in charge of the pool facility, which involves the hiring and staffing of lifeguards and the safety of the pool itself. With the extension of pool membership into the fall season for the surrounding community, she feels that the pool functioned well. Along with the pool she is in charge of the Waterfront on Lake Jovita. Her overall goal is to provide a checkout station and an office for the students to checkout watercraft such as the sailboats. She wants to add Lazers, Sunfish, waverunners, and jet-skis to the fleet at the waterfront. Along with all this responsibility and time constraint, she runs the Intramural Program. During the past semester, she successfully ran softball, flag football, basketball, and fraternity flag football intramural programs. "Intramurals went as well as I'd have hoped. But there's a long way to go . I would like to see inter-collegiate sports clubs and a trained official's staff on campus," says Mrs. Hollis.

With all the future additions that the campus is expecting, it is nice to know that one addition has already made an impact on so many students' lives. Suzanne Hollis loves to work with the students, and is always open for new ideas and ways to do things even better. "What I would like the students to understand is the importance of growing fully and to develop themselves other than just in the academic and social areas," she states.

Offices Are Moved

The following departments were moved from Saint Edward Hall to deChantal Hall: Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Activities, Student Leadership and Development, Student Leadership Coalition, Student Yearbook Office, Student Monarch Office, and the Health Clinic. The Center for Distance Learning was moved from deChantal Hall to Saint Edward Hall. Master Business Administration was moved from deChantal Hall to Saint Edward Hall. Registrar office was moved from the first floor west wing of Saint Edward Hall to the Center section of Saint Edward Hall on the first floor.

Thoughts on "The Dating Woman's Bill of Rights"

by Sister Candice Tucci

You might be saying, that's "Sister" writing this and what does she know about dating?

Newsweek, January 8, 1996 published an exclusive book excerpt by author Robert J. Samuelson. The article "Great Expectations" highlighted what Samuelson calls the "Age of Entitlement" with a wake-up call to a need for a sense of reality within the United States and our economic way of life. "[Following World War II], we expected almost limitless personal freedom and self-fulfillment. We not only expected these things. After a while, we thought we were entitled to them as a matter of right." His book is entitled The Good Life and Its Discontents: The American Dream and the Age of Entitlement, 1945-1995.

In December 1995, the *Monarch* published "The Dating Woman's Bill of Rights." While such a list may not reflect directly one's economic framework, it does, however; reflect a personal consciousness synonymous to an "age of entitlement." Rights without responsibilities? Rights that create an illusion of what's real? Rights that imply a myth of happiness based on "selfish and self-centered behaviors?" Doesn't dating suggest the involvement of another person and maybe even a relationship? Unfortunately, it is perhaps the "discontents" that Samuelson describes of the American Dream that prompts one to make such a list. Violence, and particularly violence against women, escalates and is rampant within our "real world." Statistics prove this and even the United Nations non-governmental conference on women in Beijing highlights this reality. Perhaps this list paints a too real picture of the American "nightmare."

Nonetheless, have we let such violence breakdown our personal, moral, ethical, and religious values to the point of saying. "I have the right to be selfish and get the good things I want in a relationship?" Do we have the right to use people for our own personal gain and pleasure with little regard of the other person involved? Such behavior makes one a violent person. I hope this is not what the statement implies. Let's not confuse being prudent, assertive, wise, and discerning in a framework of mutual relationships with being selfish, self-centered, with personal gain as a priority and abuse of personal freedoms we might refer to as "entitlements" or "rights." Don't let such a proclamation of "rights" compromise your own values, moral standards, and religious beliefs, as they imply pre-marital sex is a "right" and not a matter of conscience.

O.K. If you stayed with me this far, you might be saying, that's "Sister" writing this and what does she know about dating? Let me say, "In the beginning I was born and grew to be a woman first. The 'Sister' came later!" Each of us grows into the person we are to be. Part of our development of our "self" is the development of a moral consciousness as to how we relate to ourselves, others, the world, and to God (if you choose to believe). I encourage you to make choices that are healthy, wise, and life-giving. May the times you spend in dating be not just an exercise in expressing "rights," but an opportunity of meeting the truth of another and growth in the understanding of the dignity, mystery, and sacredness of human person. In fact, your next date may be the gift of the right person who you will spend the rest of your life with, and not an "entitlement."

Alumni Affairs Sponsors Banner Contest

Alumni Affairs is sponsoring a banner contest to welcome Saint Leo Alumni. Organizations can submit entries through February 12. The first-place winner will receive $100. Second and third place winners will receive $50 and $25 respectively. Judging will be based on originality, creativity, appearance, and relationship to the theme, which is "Welcome, Saint Leo Alumni." Winners will be announced on Saturday, February 17 at half-time during the Women's Conference Basketball Game held at the Bowman Activity Center. If you have any questions, please call Alumni Affairs at extension 8994.

Library Archives in Search of Monarchs

The Cannon Memorial Library Archives is missing selected issues of past Monarchs. They need a full set for records and microfiche. If you think that you might have some of these back issues, please contact M. Dorth Newhafer, O.S.B., Archivist/ Librarian at (352) 588-8496.

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Leadership Conference Held

The Student Leadership Coalition held its annual Leadership Weekend on January 20 and 21, 1996 in Clearwater. Cindy Lindsay held workshops for the students, focusing on the development of strong leadership skills. Renee Smith, Student Leadership Coalition's College Services Chairperson and Circle K's Vice President, brought back a great deal of valuable information. The following is a sampling of the material presented:

-Don't be afraid to search for opportunities.
-Take risks.
-Create a vision. Communicate so that all members of the organization understand the vision.
-A good leader does not tell people what to do, but sets up the circumstances to enable the people to do the job.
-As a leader, you are a model. People look to you as an example.
-Good leaders take small parts of the vision and make each part work.
-People need to be able to trust their leaders.
-People need to be kept informed.
-In activities, do something new and different. Push the boundaries.
-Establish goals and measures. Decide exactly what the group wants to happen.
-Identify problems and gather information. List alternatives and evaluate them. Choose a course of action.

When working with others, remember that your ideas are important. Contribute. Don't live in the past; create a vision for the future. Get what you want out of organizations. Finally, set goals.

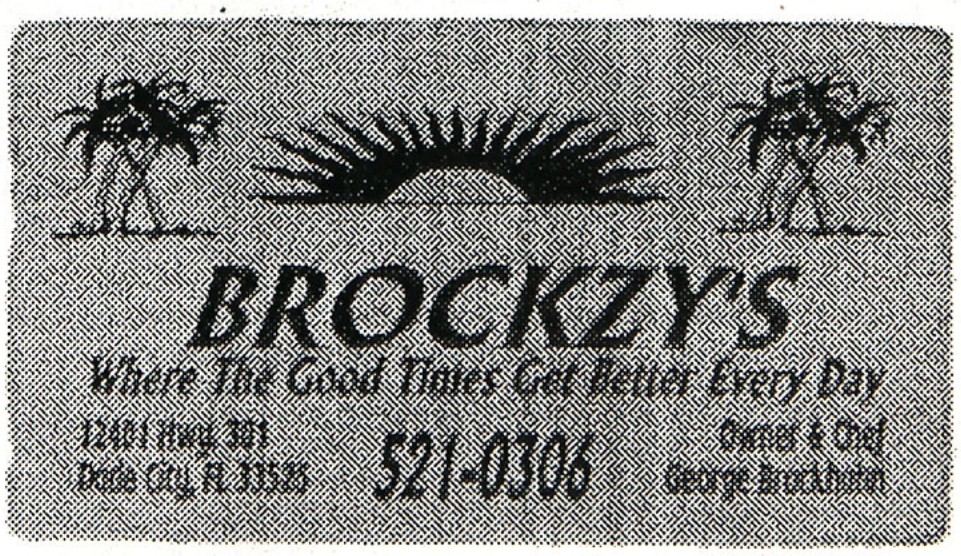
Future Teachers Attend Conference

Three members and the moderator of Saint Leo's Florida Future Educators of America attended the Second Annual Elementary Education Conference in Orlando, Florida on January 17-19. Dr. Koval, Kristen Hauser, Jamie Gonzalez, and Pam Jufko attended the conference, "Speak to Us of Children." The event was presented by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Council on Elementary Education. Rick Pinette and Nancy Coey were the keynote speakers. The future teachers were able to attend six of the eighty-eight concurrent sessions focusing on current issues and ideas in the elementary school. Teachers from across the state presented materials and strategies that are used in their schools. Several speakers gave suggestions on how to implement Florida's Goals 2000 program in the classroom. Saint Leo attendees shared ideas from the conference at the Florida Future Educators of America meeting on Friday, January 26. The third annual Elementary Education Conference is scheduled to take place on January 15-17, 1997 at the Hyatt Orlando.

Health Tip

by Nurse Bobbi

As if nail biters didn't have enough to worry about... now, the American Dental Association says that you are ruining your teeth along with your nails. Studies have shown that nail biting can result in tool wear, loss of tooth root, microfractures, gum trauma, spread of skin infection from the hands to the mouth, and in some cases misalignment of the teeth. There have even been cases when a piece of fingernail worked its way down to the very root of the tooth.



"The Future of Cuba" Symposium

by Terry Karambelas

The Center for Inter-American Studies at Saint Leo College and the World Trade Center of Tampa Bay presented a symposium,"The Future of Cuba," on January 24, 1996 at 1:30 P.M. at Higgins Hall in Tampa.

The objectives of the Center were threefold: first, to enhance the curriculum of Saint Leo College by preparing students for active participation in the academic, community, and business scopes of Florida and the United States as they become closer to Central and South America; secondly, to create a public forum which encourages the evolvement of educational programs for the continuing support of this expanding relationship; thirdly, organize a system of mutual support between the college and the private business sector of the Tampa Bay area. An additional aim is to work with the Tampa Bay Area Committee on Foreign Relations and Florida World Trade Center to develop and maintain a joint structure and an internship program for the students.

The symposium was the first in the series of seminars to be presented. The panel consisted of notable scholars, economists, politicians, and a journalist who spoke on Inter-American themes.

Dr. Francisco Fiallos introduced the theme of the conference by presenting a comparison study between Nicaragua and Cuba regarding leadership, elections, social, and economic status of the past, present, and future of these countries.

Dr. Gillian Gunn Clissold, Director of the Cuba Project, Center for Latin American Studies, School of Foreign Services at Georgetown University, introduced us to a series of scenarios that could help the future of Cuba. A few of the possibilities she illustrated are the lifting of the trade embargo by the United States, initiating continuing negotiations with Fidel Castro, and holding free elections for the citizens of Cuba.

Dr. Jorge Dominiquez stated that to bring change to Cuba the people must respond to their economic decline and a political transition internally.

As the discussion continued, Dr. Antonio Jorge from Florida International University was of the opinion that changes will come about in Cuba through democratic assistance from those who have immigrated from Cuba to the United States in the last thirty-five years. This could bring about a enterprise reform and the creation of new markets for Cuba.

The last perspective on the future of Cuba was given by Dr. Jaime Suchlichi, professor of History and International Studies at the University of Miami. He spoke of a past Castro Cuba that would present numerous problems concerning the military, reconstruction, problems with a restless labor movement, race relations, and social problems. At the conclusion of his presentation, Dr. Suchlichi commented on the opportunities of the future of Cuba through trade, tourism, construction, exportation of food and beverages, along with their biotechnology and manufacturing skills.

Theatre Playhouse 90

by Michael A. Rodriguez

In an attempt to keep the theatre program alive, Dr. Dirk Budd has created a class called "The One-Act Play" in which many of Saint Leo College's talented students get together to perform a wide variety of plays, musicals, and dances. The class has been hard at work since the beginning of the semester to provide the rest of the campus with a series of entertaining and exciting shows. The first of these shows will be a musical extravaganza held on February 7, 1996 in Selby Auditorium, which will star Kelsey O'Brien, Jenny Pearson, Sean Bray, and Tony from the cafeteria. You won't want to miss this show. The second event will be held on February 21, 1996 also in Selby Auditorium. It is called "That Terrible Halloween Night" and will star Charla Bauer, John Bardunias, Pete Leiser, Sylvia Torres, and Carla Cruz. This, too, is sure to be an entertaining and captivating experience. Also, there will be a variety of presentations throughout March that will include one-act plays by Tennessee Williams and other presentations. These performances will be advertised in advance. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome to attend all shows. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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Students Attend Catholic Student Conference

Courtesy of Judith Rochelle, Public Affairs Department

While their classmates were celebrating the end-of-the-year holidays in the usual style, Mary Orel and Stephanie Doherty packed off to Pittsburgh for five days of workshops on the creation of student spiritual communities on college campuses.

The National Catholic Student Coalition is for Catholic students attending college, and the more than 400 attendees came from all over the United States. This year's theme was "Ask Me Why I'm Catholic."

The conference is comprised of a series of workshops dealing with topics: building a campus ministry, how to improve the Catholic environment on campus, and how to build a Catholic community. There were also seminars on how to build your own faith.

A key element of the program was a letter from the Bishop of Pittsburgh, to college students regarding their commitment to their faith and the role they can play in impacting on other students.

Mary Orel, a senior elementary education major from New Smyrna Beach, has been to a number of these conferences. "You really get good ideas on building your faith," she said. Stephanie Doherty, from Inverness, is a junior, also majoring in elementary education. This was the first conference she has attended, and she feels it was a strong learning experience.

Education Department Offers Course in Mexico

The Education Department is sponsoring a trip to Mexico. For ten days in June, students will gain experiential learning that one cannot get in a classroom on campus. The event satisfies the requirements for EDU 300: Cross Cultural Communication and Understanding. Students will have the opportunity to experience culture in another country, and learn about holidays, art, and folklore. The visitors will explore communications, beliefs, attitudes, values, and perceptions. Students will become acquainted with the language as it is spoken and used. They will expand their background of history and present life of Mexico, seeing the pyramids and temples of the Aztecs, the shrine of Guadalupe, and revolutionary art, as well as the modern dances and excitement of the clubs. Students will take part in local activities, including marketing and visiting schools. Travelers will also see and compare life in Mexico City with quieter and more rural parts of Mexico.

Anyone may attend. A tentative price is $1200 plus regular credit fees. Three credits may be earned as an elective in any major. For more information, please contact Dr. Bagley at (352) 588-8842 or Dr. Fuchs at (352)588-8869.

William Styron Lectures at University of Central Florida

by Kelly D. Estep

Someday I will understand Auschwitz. This was a brave statement but innocently absurd. No one will ever understand Auschwitz. What I might have set down with more accuracy would have been: *Someday I will write about Sophie's life and death, and thereby help demonstrate how absolute evil is never extinguished from the world.* Auschwitz itself remains inexplicable. The most profound statement yet made about Auschwitz was not a statement at all, but a response. The query: "At Auschwitz, tell me, where was God?" And the answer: "Where was man?"

The above is a quote from the novel *Sophie's Choice,* by William Styron. Mr. Styron was a guest lecturer as part of the Great Authors Series at the University of Central Florida on January 24, 1996. He spoke about the events which led him to write the novel and the concerns which plagued him not only about the Nazis' inhumanity but the capacity for it that exists within each of us.

Styron was raised in the Tidewater area of Virginia and is, therefore, intimately aware of its heritage of horror: America's holocaust - black slavery. He sees a fundamental relationship between the events in America and Germany; they both involve the complete subjugation and oppression of one group of human beings by another. The innate danger in the hatred which resulted in these events is not only, as he pointed out, that one section of humanity will be destroyed, but also that "such hatred will consume everyone, even one's own flesh."

Styron was largely influenced by the novel *Five Chimneys,* by Olga Lengle. In the novel she relates her own experience at the arrival of one of the Nazi death camps. In an effort to save her 12-year-old son from forced labor, she tells a guard that he is younger than he is. She also tries to spare her mother by asking that she be allowed to accompany her grandson. Her action results in both being sent to the gas chamber; she is made responsible for their deaths. The horror of this event caused Styron to see that the full evil of the Holocaust lies not in the more overt images of the event that are most familiar to us; they are but an "infernal background." The true evil is the capacity, that resides in each of us, to live in the darkness of a spiritless, soulless reality where we totally enslave other human beings and force our inhumanity upon them.

Sophie, the protagonist of his novel, is not a Jew, but is caught up in the web of hatred which was spun by the Nazis. She is sent to Auschwitz and is faced upon arrival with a situation similar to Olga's upon her arrival there. Her situation, however, holds an irony. Her father was a university professor and rabid anti-Semite. As the Germans moved into Poland, he heartily supported their "final solution" for the Jews by writing various papers attacking the Jews' perceived faults and evils. The result: he is executed as an intellectual, and his daughter is killed, not in Auschwitz where she is interned during the war, but years later, by her own hand, because of the "choice" she made when an inmate. The hatred that Sophie's father bore did, in fact, consume his "own flesh."

According to Styron, "Sophie was lost under the wheel of evil come full circle." It began with her father's hatred and ended with her death. Sophie was forced to make a "choice" between one evil and another. She became a partner in murder, and was as responsible for the horror around her as the most fanatic Nazi. In that moment she was condemned to death, even as she was spared from the gas chamber. Her soul and her humanity were taken from her, and without them she became incapable of life as a true human being.

Where will our hatreds lead us? All of us hold within ourselves seeds that, if properly nourished, can flower into a holocaust, consuming not only those that we hate, but also ourselves and those we love as well. It is essential that we be reminded of this evil inherent in us and that we learn to look into our own souls and ask, "Does man live here?"

Missionary Trip to Dominican Republic

by Patrick Awylard

On December 6, 1995, I boarded an American Airline aircraft with thirty-nine other missionaries. We landed in beautiful Puerto Rico. We all looked out the window at the breath-taking blue water. Sixty minutes later we boarded another American Airline aircraft and departed. The next time we landed we were in a different world, a world that some people had never experienced, and for others the memories were quickly rushing back. Whatever the case may be, all forty of us were about to experience a life-changing event.

We were forty missionaries without a mission. We had no direct goal to accomplish or specific task to tackle. We came equipped with six doctors, twelve nurses, twenty-two kind-hearted caring individuals, and eighty bags of luggage. The eighty bags were mostly filled with medical supplies and medication. Some other bags contained clothing, small toys, and handyman tools. With this, we headed to a small town called La Victoria.

La Victoria is a small town which is heavily populated and badly stricken by poverty. Along with this poverty comes no birth control, which results in 10 to 15 person families that have an annual income to support 2 to 4 people. Running water and an effective sewer system in La Victoria is rare. Electricity goes on and off in this small town; however, most people do without it anyway. Many people would say this place is unlivable for a human being, but for thousand of Dominicans, this is what they call home.

Our main goal quickly became the medical attention that these people needed. Thursday morning, we started out with our medical supplies and headed for the makeshift hospital at the edge of town. As the doctors started seeing patients, the rest of us started sorting out supplies to be used. Within an hour after we arrived at the hospital, the small one-story cement building was surrounded by ailing Dominicans. Small and minor cases were put off to the side to take care of the more serious ones. More serious cases were treated immediately or scheduled for surgery the next day.

The people of the Dominican Republic are beautiful people, beautiful people who appreciate what they have and learn to make do.

Friday would be an experience that would be embedded into all the missionaries' minds. Friday would be the day that small operations would take place. These operations were done in such harsh conditions, that if they were done in the United States the doctor would lose his license without even having a trial. However, they are accepted in La Victoria because this is the only way.

With an insufficient supply of electricity, some operations were performed by a person holding a flashlight over the doctor's's shoulder while he worked. Doctors used outdated tools which had to suffice. They worked without air conditioning in operating in rooms where the temperature was between 85 and 95 degrees. (It is pretty hard to have a steady hand when sweat keeps rolling into your eyes.) Doctors were pushed to their limits when they asked the nurse for a tool and the nurse responded by saying, "We don't have one."

We continued our work on Saturday and flew home on Sunday. Within hours, we had left a poverty-stricken world and entered a world that doesn't know how good they have it. The people of the Dominican Republic are beautiful people, beautiful people who appreciate what they have and learn to make do. As Americans we are spoiled from the beginning. We don't know how lucky we are to have the things we have. The next time you complain about the food in the cafeteria, stop and think how it would be without any food. After being on missionary trips to Belize, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic, I can honestly say that we are spoiled. We are so spoiled that we take just about everything for granted.

February 14, I will return to the Dominican Republic to continue my service to the less fortunate. I have obtained bags full of clothes and sneakers to donate. I extend an invitation to anybody who is interested in taking part in a missionary trip to contact me at 8137. God bless, Patrick.

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Eckerd College Strays into the Pit

by Gerard Stone

The Eckerd College Tritons, picked by Sunshine State Conference coaches to win the SSC in the pre-season poll, came into the Pit Wednesday January 24. Eckerd went into the game confident with a 10-5 record overall and 2-2 in the SSC, and came out 10-6 and 2-3 after their loss to our Monarchs 63 to 61.

Running Monarchs who started against the Tritons were, at Guard, 5-9 Chris Farnsworth; 6-2 Guard-Alex Mack; the 6-5 Forward, Shawn Jennett; 6-6 Shawn Wilson at Forward; and 6-7 Craig Calhoun as a Forward.

In the first few minutes of the game, Eckerd took a small lead, perhaps going for a quick kill. But it didn't take long for the Tritons to remember who had home court advantage. Saint Leo came marching back with a first half grounded in aggressively executed ball control, bringing the crowd with them.

By halftime the team held about a 7-point lead over Eckerd, and at one time, the lead opened up to 10 points. But as the second half began, the Tritons came out and closed the distance, and even opened their own gap of about 5 points.

Some might think we rolled over and died. Wrong!!!

With only a few minutes to spare, the crowd was electrified as the team rallied to tie it at 61-61. At this point the Pit began to rock! "DE-FENSE Boom! Boom!" The fans stomped out their support.

Only seconds were left when the Monarchs regained possession of the ball. Then, with only 3 ticks on the game clock, Shawn Jennett put one through, 63-61. Now Eckerd had only 3 seconds to get the ball all the way down court and up for a shot. The Pit was on fire and on its feet.

They threw the ball to half court, where it went out of bounds on Saint Leo, but no time ticked off the clock. Still three seconds, and Eckerd inbounding from half court, but still the crowd roared!

It was played in by the Tritons and the shot went up as the buzzer went off. It did not go in and Eckerd's Tritons felt the weight of the Pit as the fans poured on to the court.

There is an old Chinese proverb somewhere which must read:

"Never underestimate the power of the Pit." Well, that night Eckerd did and we didn't. Be part of the Pit's power at the next home game, and scream, stomp, or roar the Monarchs on.

Basketball is More than a Sport

The Women's Head Basketball Coach, Janet Cone, believes in focusing her girls on causes higher than just victory at the final buzzer. At each pre-game meeting she has a girl stand and give a motivational talk to the rest of the team about life and Basketball's place in it. It can be anything. From a prayer or song, to a poem or a personal testimonial. Coach Cone calls it, sharing "Life Lessons." The following is a lesson by Lacoscia Kennon.

Basketball opened doors of opportunity that:

Allowed me to escape a drug infested neighborhood. Allowed me to receive a college education, allowing me one day to let my Grandmother stop working and be exactly who and what she is, my Grandmother. Allowing me one day to reward my mother for her patience and hard work. Last but not least, allowing me to one day give someone else's child a way out and an opportunity to pursue his or her hopes and dreams. So as you can see, Basketball is more than a Game!!!

Trivia Trap

Here are the answers to last issues's trivia plus some new ones to think about.

ANSWERS:

1) The last football game Saint Leo played was Nov.15, 1980 against Worcester State. We lost 14-10.

2) The amount of air pressure required inside a basketball is 7 to 9 p.s.i.

3) In 1984 our baseball team, presently ranked nationally in the top-10 of all Division II teams, won 46 games.

4) No, every "kill" is not a spike. In volleyball, a "kill" is anytime we score a point on the other team, or win the serve back.

NEW STUFF:

1) When the Sunshine State Conference was forming, who was its first Commissioner and when was this?

2) Name 5 Division I schools whose nickname are "Tigers".

3) Which Saint Leo College sport was the last to be ranked in the nation's top-10 Division II teams? When?

4) What is a chukkar?

Apology

My apologies to all readers who were misled by my incorrect date of the Georgetown-Saint Leo basketball game in the last Monarch issue. I thought the game was on December 28 instead of December 30. I hope no one was seriously inconvenienced by my mistake.

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Fall Intramurals

by Gerard Stone

As the 1995 Fall Intramural season wound down, all those involved were scraping for the best final standings. In the flag pigskin race, three mens' teams fought for position.

The "Marauders," under Team Captain Eric Liberty, faced "The Bomb" and their Captain Ted Civil, but the final party of this tough Triumvirate - "The B.A.'s" - led by Antonio Bolanos, were not to be counted out.

In the end it would be Civil's "The Bomb" at the top of the heap as they rushed "The B.A.'s" and the "Marauders". both by at least 20 points. But for some strange reason, when "The Bomb" and "The B.A.'s" had the final rematch during Final Exam Week, "The B.A.'s" couldn't find enough players. Therefore, "The Bomb" was awarded overall winners.

Fall Intramural activities went on all last semester and will continue throughout the Spring. Many different tournaments have been played, including The Great Monarch Madcap Basketball Tournament, the Softball Tournament, and Fraternity Flag Football.

Four teams were entered into the Madcap Basketball Tournament, but only one finished undefeated, and that was "The NCAA Hall of Famers," led by Team Captain, and Assistant Saint Leo Soccer Coach Brendon Morgan. The "Hall of Famers" was a team made up of Saint Leo faculty and staff.

The Softball League also had four teams in contention, but, again, only one could be the victor. "3-Peat," under the direction of Dann Riggs, ended on top after a double elimination tournament.

The "Frat Brother Fracas" of flag football was dominated by Phi Kappa Theta, who won every game by at least 10 points. Phi Kappa Theta went 2-0 and was led by Team Captain, Jon Cross.

Suzanne Hollis, Intramurals Coordinator, says many more things are in store for the Spring season, so start getting teams together now! Some of the activities will include: Soccer, Bowling, more Flag Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Pre-Spring Break Sand court Volleyball, Tennis-Doubles, and the ever-radical, 3-on-3 "Schick Super Hoop '96".

The "Schick Super Hoop '96" is a huge intercollegiate tournament sponsored by the razor manufacturer, but is only one in a whole host of activities planned for this semester.

Intramurals are recreational fun for faculty and students. If you want a break from the books and the grind, call Ms. Hollis and try Intramurals.

New Athletic Director, Ted Owens

by Gerard Stone

On September 26, Saint Leo picked up a huge addition to its sports department in Ted Owens. Owens, former head basketball coach at the University of Kansas, has big plans for all the Monarch sports.

He played basketball for the University of Oklahoma, and coached at Kansas for nineteen years. Under Owens, the Jayhawks won fifteen Big Eight Championship titles. After Kansas, where he won six coach-of-the-year awards and one national coach-of-the-year, he helped start the World Basketball League in 1987.

Mr. Owens wants to see every sports program we have become serious contenders in Sunshine State Conference titles. He wants to give Saint Leo College the capability of becoming #1 in all Conference level athletics.

Through additional resources and funds, he hopes to develop better programs for all of our players. New training facilities and projects may be in the works, as well as a wider range of recruiting prospects. Those will be his first concerns.

Once these projects are underway, Owens will turn his attention to possibly bringing in other sports programs, like girl's soccer. But these are ideas to be addressed at later times. His main focus will be the here and now.

Owens comes to a position that was formerly combined with a coaching job, done by the Baseball Coach John Schaly. Owens will not be coaching, but instead concentrate on developing all Saint Leo sports into Conference Champions.

Ted Civil,
captain of "The Bomb"

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22 Blue Sky Gray will jam at 9:00
27 Time to laugh again at 9:00 with two more comics

It's all good!